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CHAPTER 421.

AN ACT to amend subsection (11b) of section 20.20 of the statutes, relating to the conservation commission and making an appropriation.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection (11b) of section 20.20 of the statutes is amended to read: (20.20) (11b) On July 1, * * * 1927, fifteen thousand dollars, *and on July 1, 1928, fifteen thousand dollars* to carry out the provisions of subsection (5) of section 29.62.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 422.

AN ACT to amend paragraph (b) of subsection (26) of section 20.17, subsection (2) of section 51.23, and subsections (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) of section 51.24 of the statutes, relating to hospitals for mental diseases in counties having a population of two hundred fifty thousand.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (26) of section 20.17, subsection (2) of section 51.23, and subsections (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) of section 51.24 of the statutes are amended to read: (20.17) (26) (b) Annually, beginning July 1, 1913, such sums as may be necessary, for any compensation to the trustees of * * * any hospital for * * * mental diseases in any county having a population of two hundred fifty thousand chargeable against the state as provided in subsection (2) of section 51.23 and section 51.24 of the statutes.

(51.23) (2) With the approval of the governor the state board of control may contract, at a price not exceeding four

dollars and twenty-five cents per week for each person, with the * * * governing authority in charge of * * * any hospital for * * * mental diseases in any county having a population of two hundred fifty thousand for the care and maintenance of persons who have been committed to the central state hospital for the insane, pursuant to law; and when any such person shall be transferred to such hospital he shall be cared for and maintained under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by said board of control. All such persons shall be subject to the statutes governing inmates of the central state hospital for the insane.

(51.24) (1) Any county having a population of two hundred and fifty thousand may, pursuant to section 46.17, establish and maintain a hospital for * * * mental diseases, for the detention and care of drug addicts, inebriate persons and persons adjudged or alleged to be insane pursuant to law and whose insanity has not become chronic. Such hospital shall be governed pursuant to section 46.21.

(2) The state shall compensate * * * every such county * * * for all insane persons maintained at public cost at * * * its hospital for * * * mental diseases, commencing July 1, 1923, at the rate of four dollars and eighty cents per week for each acute insane person and two dollars and forty cents per week for each chronic insane person. The first period of computation for such compensation shall be for the six months period ending December 1, 1923, and each succeeding period of computation for such compensation shall be each succeeding six months next after the expiration of said first six months period.

(3) The number of weeks that each insane person has been so maintained during each period of computation, shall be ascertained; and the state board of control of Wisconsin shall determine the number of weeks that acute patients have been maintained and the number of weeks that chronic insane patients have been maintained in said institutions, and the compensation for the maintenance of such patients shall be based upon the determination made by said board.

(4) The * * * governing authority of * * * each such hospital shall, as soon as practicable after the expiration of each such period of computation, prepare a statement giving the name of each insane person maintained at public cost at said

hospital during the next preceding period of computation and the number of weeks he or she has been maintained during said period, also showing the aggregate of such weeks for all insane persons so maintained during said period and the amount of compensation to be made by the state to said county therefor, at the rates and upon the basis above fixed by said board, which statement shall be verified by said superintendent and approved by the board of administration in charge of said hospital as correct and true in all respects and delivered to the state board of control.

(5) Said board of control shall attach to said statement a certificate showing the number of weeks' maintenance furnished to acute insane patients and the number of weeks' maintenance furnished to chronic insane patients, which shall be certified by the secretary and president of said board and filed with the secretary of state, who shall thereupon draw his warrant for the aggregate amount of compensation specified in said certificate and deliver said warrant to the state treasurer who shall thereupon pay the amount of said warrant to said * * * county.

(6) * * * No such county * * * shall * * * be entitled to such credit or any compensation whatever from the state for the care of any person who has not been duly adjudged to be insane and properly committed as such, nor for the care of any insane person whose support is not properly a public charge.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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No. 618, A.]

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CHAPTER 423.

AN ACT to create subsection (14) of section 62.15 of the statutes, relating to cities keeping and publishing reports of public works done by them, without bids.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. A new subsection is added to section 62.15 of